Leicester, Mass.
Sept. 21. 1868.

Dear Mr. Webb,

There has been a considerable gap in our personal correspondence, but various letters from you, to others, here and elsewhere, have kept me pretty well informed about you, - until within a week, when we are beginning to want to hear again. We don't ask long letters, - half a page will let us know what progress you are making, & now that, as we suppose, Deborah is near you, we trust that she will afford us at least once a week a brief note; - a long one would indeed be welcome, but we don't ask it. Last Friday there came to my care a letter for Miss Erthi, postmark'd Detroit, wh. I think was in D.'s handwriting. Miss E. being in Boston, I sent it immediately on to her; so we didn't have the benefit of its contents here, & the gap in our information about you, is larger than it wd have been, had she been with us. She went from here a week ago to-day (i.e. Monday, 14th) to Boston, - I accompanying her, - & went at once to

M^r. Edmund Jackson's, to accept his & his wife's invitation to spend a little time with them. On Tuesday I went with her to call on Mr. & Mrs. James R. Ware's, Brush Hill, Milton, & on Theodore D. Weld & family, Fairmount; & she evidently enjoyed the day exceedingly. On Wednesday we were to have gone to Weymouth together, but it came on to rain, & we gave it up, & went to see some friends & places in Boston ~~together~~ instead. The next day I returned home. Miss E. is still at Mr. Jackson's, I suppose. I expect to see her tomorrow, if I go to town, as I now think of doing. Day after Tomorrow she goes to Mrs. (Mattie Griffith) Brown for a visit of a week, — then to Mr. Abby Kelley Foster for a day, if she is able to have her, then immediately to New York, and intends to sail thence for home October 10th. I don't believe she is at all worse, in health, for her visit to this country; — nor do I think she is really better. Her little journey with us, towards the White Mts, was in part a failure, because she could get no farther than the threshhold. At Plymouth, N. H., — she happened to be in a large,

handsome, & most comfortable hotel, —
one of her headaches attacked her, & she was
obliged to leave us all (2 or 3 antislavery friends
we found staying there) early in the eve, & go to
her room. She said she hoped the headache wd. be
gone in the morng, when we cd. all proceed together to
the Profile House, Franconia Notch. Au contraire, the
headache in the morng was worse, & our plan quite
vetoed. But she brought Mr. May & me to say, to
stop the Sunday at Franconia, & then return to her
on Monday, when - she felt sure - she shd be able to
move on again. She said she shd. feel so badly at the
thought of keeping ~~her~~ us at Plymouth waiting,
that she shd. both be unhappy, & less likely to
recover. We found we could leave her in the
special care of Mrs. White, of Concord N. H., - besides
knowing that the hotel people wd. be attentive to do
all ~~they can~~ she needed, - & so we went, Sat. p.m.
Returning, Monday; we found her quite herself again,
& her trunk packed; we went that aftn. as far as
Concord, N.H., where we had an interval of rest,
seeing Mrs. Pillsbury & family, &c & came next
forenoon to Manchester, N.H. - Stopped there several

Lowell, & visited the extensive Cotton Mills of the Merrimack Manuf'g. Co; — took cars again, & came to Leicester that evening. Mrs. May stipulated that ~~and~~ & neither Mrs E. nor I should write to you about this little trip of ours, as she intended doing so herself. She was hindered from doing it, as soon as she intended, — & that explains why I did not write in that interval to you, — expecting daily that she wd. You have, I doubt not, many days since, received her letter; & we look soon for a word from you in reply; trusting to hear of your steady progress toward health & strength. Remember us affectionately to Deborah, and be sure that our doors are ready to open wide to you both, whenever you can show yourselves thereat. Don't forget that we want to hear from you often — not to tax you with much writing (when your correspondents are very numerous, & then call'g many) but that we may not feel uncertain, doubtful, & uneasy about you.

Autumn weather, — autumn airs, — autumn sights are coming fast upon us. Frosts have come earlier than common; still we hope that they will not return at present, & that we may have a fine October.

I particularly wish to be remembered to Mr. W.S. George, of whom I had lost sight for many years, — and to thank him for his letter, as your amanuensis, so beautifully written & for his friendly message.

Ever truly Your friend
In much sympathy
Sam. May Jr.

I saw Garrison & Frank the other day, — all well there.

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